

## **Five a piece for Archer and Fouhy at Marathon champs**

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The CRNZ New Zealand kayak marathon championships were contested today on Porirua harbour, near Wellington. Early morning drizzle gave way to good overcast racing conditions with strengthening northerlies testing some paddlers. With the largest field in recent memory assembled, the racing was sure to be exciting.

It was former sprint world kayak champion and Olympic silver medalist Ben Fouhy (representing North Shore) who won his 5th national title over the marathon distance by a comfortable margin. Fouhy, the pre-race favourite, was not cruising to victory though demonstrating excellent technique and efficiency at the compulsory portage on each of the seven laps, keeping the hammer down on and off the water throughout the 2 hours and 7 minutes of racing.

Behind him was a hot race for the minor placings between NZ sprint squad member Fred Tear (Arawa) and Australian based former Wellingtonian, Matt Blundell. These two paddlers were inseparable for six of the seven race laps until the more experienced Blundell made a gap with a final strong portage. Blundell, a former winner of the Australian kayak marathon championships and fastest paddler at this years Speight's Coast to Coast extended his gap to finish a minute and a half clear of Tear, but still almost 7 minutes behind the winner.

Pre race favourite, Marianne Archer (Mana) of Wellington, was again too good clearing out to dominate the women's field to win her 5th successive national marathon title. A veteran of many world kayak marathon champs, Archer powered away and was unchallenged from start to finish. 2nd across the line was local under 23 New Zealand representative paddler, Kayla Imrie. And in 3rd place was this year's fastest women paddler at Speight's Coast to Coast, Christchurch's Olivia Spencer-Bower.

There was some great racing throughout the categories, which included athletes paddling mostly K1's but also multisport kayaks, ocean racing skis and waka. The multi-lap 4km course proved to be popular amongst the athletes.

Ben Fouhy is heading to Australia next week to compete at the Australian kayak marathon champs in Geelong, Victoria. There, he will be up against Matt Blundell once again and will surely be racing well performed marathon paddler Michael Leverett, among the best that Australia have to offer. Fouhy has also signalled an interest in representing New Zealand at the world kayak marathon champs in Singapore later in the year all as part of his base training for next year's Olympics in London.

Mana Kayak Racing club would like to thank all of the competitors, spectators and volunteers who helped make such a great event. Thanks also must go to Canoe & Kayak, Interislander, Sportzhub and CRNZ for their great support.

## Results

### **Masters Women (Multisport)**

Ellis	Jude	Mana	01:59:30.00.
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### **Open Men (Multisport)**

Turi	Hodges		01:39:30.00.
Cox	Aaron	Wanganui	01:39:52.00.
Tate	Mike	Waitarere Surf Club	01:48:32.00.
Hayes	Brad	Karapiro	01:48:46.00.
Winterton	Sandy	Kupe	01:51:50.00.
Rudge	Dave	Kupe	01:53:22.00.
Leighton	Martin	Mana	01:53:36.00.
Jeff	Booth		01:59:02.00.
Tate	Adam	PovertyBay	DNF

### **Tyro Girls (Junior)**

Allen	Tess	Mana	00:33:18.00.
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### **Under 15 Boys (K1)**

Brooke	Toby	Wanganui	00:22:29.00.
Munneke	Max	Wanganui	00:23:43.00.

### **Under 17 Boys (K1) (12 km – 3 laps, 2 portages)**

Aiden	Nossiter	Wanganui	01:03:26.00.
Brown	Max	Wanganui	01:07:08.00.
Cromar	Lachie	Wanganui	01:07:25.00.
Forbes	Seth	Mana	01:17:27.00.
Trent	Shields	Mana	01:19:00.00.
Forbes	Tem	Mana	01:19:02.00.
Imrie	Kurtis	Mana	01:25:41.00.

### **Under 17 Girls (K1) (12 km – 3 laps, 2 portages)**

Altman	Hannah	NorthShore	01:15:38.00.
Blair	Jessica	Karapiro	01:18:03.00.
Hayes	Amelai	Karapiro	01:24:14.00.
Kiddle	Bridget	Mana	01:24:52.00.

### **Under 19 Women (K1) (16 km – 4 laps, 3 portages)**

Forbes	Portia	Mana	01:42:58.00.
Nossiter	Paige	Wanganui	01:45:30.00.

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### **Open Women (K1) (20 km – 5 laps, 4 portages)**

Archer	Marianne	Mana	01:45:21.00.
Imrie	Kayla	Mana	01:56:14.00.

Spencer-Bower	Olivia	Mana	02:01:49.00.
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**Under 19 Men (K1) (20 km - 5 laps, 4 portages)**

Allen	Jake	Mana	01:56:12.00.
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Imrie	Ryan	Mana	02:01:05.00.
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**Masters Men 35 - 44 (K1) (20 km - 5 laps, 4 portages)**

Randall	Paul	Waitara	01:49:59.00.
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Metcalfe	Brendon	Waitara	DNF
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Oldham	Simon	Omanu Beach SLSC	DNF
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**Masters Men 55+ (K1) (20 km - 5 laps, 4 portages)**

Alderson	Keith	Arawa	01:49:02.00.
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Bennett	Ben	HawkesBay	01:49:28.00.
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Newlands	Terry	BOP	02:15:15.00.
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**Open Men (K1) (28 km - 7 laps, 6 portages)**

Fouhy	Ben	NorthShore	02:07:37.00.
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Blundell	Matt	Mana	02:14:15.00.
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Fred	Tear	Arawa	02:15:52.00.
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Thomson	Matt	Marlborough	02:17:34.00.
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Muirhead	Glenn	Mana	02:20:51.00.
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Forbes	Richard	NorthShore	02:25:35.00.
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Keeble	James	NorthShore	02:32:21.00.
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Kiss	Kalman	Mana	DNF
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**Under 23 Men (28 km - 7 laps, 6 portages)**

Newlands	Samuel	BOP	02:17:35.00.
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Wilkins	William	HawkesBay	02:23:23.00.
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Anderson	Jason	Wanganui	02:32:21.00.
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Welch	Ryan	HawkesBay	02:32:28.00.
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